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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN OFFICIAL ARRIVING U.S. URGENTLY TO PURCHASE OIL

SPILL CLEANUP EQUIPMENT

1. NORWEGIAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONTACTED EMBASSY APRIL 23 TO REQUEST URGENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH CHIEF ENGINEER JOHN HATLING OF MINISTRY'S NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY. HATLING IS ARRIVING U.S. APRIL 26 AND WILL FLY TO HOUSTON TO ATTEND OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE MAY 3-5. IF NECESSARY HE CAN COME TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR DISCUSSIONS MAY 4-5 BEFORE RETURNING TO OSLO.

2. HATLING HAS BEEN CHARGED BY NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS WHILE IN U.S. TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES AND THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT FOR OIL SPILL CLEANUP. MINISTRY OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH HIM ON RETURN TO DECIDE ON SUBSTANTIAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

3. HATLING WILL BE SEEKING INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT FOR COMBATTING OIL SPILLS AT POLLUTION SOURCE (BOOMS, SKIMMERS, ETC.) IN OPEN SEA AND AT OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR USE WITH BAD SPILLS IN HEAVY WEATHER. HE WANTS TO KNOW ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT AND COSTS, PLUS U.S. EXPERIENCE TO EXTENT AVAILABLE.

4. HE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING

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ADDRESSES:

A. MR. ROBERT RUHE, DRESSER INDUSTRIES, IN  
HOUSTON (TELEPHONE 84-60-11 AND TELEX 76234), OR

B. MR. SAM MURRAY AT FIRM CALLED NEW IDERIA IN  
HOUSTON (TELEPHONE 65-72-08, TELEX 586691).

5. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS PLACING VERY HIGH PRIORITY ON  
OBTAINING THIS EQUIPMENT AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS EXTRAORDINARILY  
GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SELL U.S. POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING, IF POSSIBLE, IF HATLING  
WAS CONTACTED AND RESULT OF HIS VISIT.  
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